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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE USE OF USCO FACILITIES FOLLOWING FIRE, I CALLED

ALAN REICH OF BEWT WHO SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS YOUR  
SITUATION. HE PLANS TO SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO  
THE AMBASSADOR.

2. REF MOSCOW 13406, WE PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR  
GRANTING GEORGE COSTAKIS AND WIFE PRO FORMA VISAS TO EXIT  
THE USSR. WHAT APPROACH DO YOU EXPECT TO USE FOR GETTING  
THEM DOCUMENTED TO ENTER THE US?

3. FURTHER ON CINDY SMITH ASSIGNMENT, PER AND SHE ARE  
TALKING ABOUT A TWO YEAR ASSIGNMENT FOR HER, TWO YEAR  
EXTENSION FOR RAY. WE WONDER IF FOUR YEARS ISN'T RATHER  
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LONG, AND HOW MUCH WE COULD COUNT ON IT HOLDING UP. WE WILL  
BE GUIDED BY YOUR WISHES.

4. RE MOSCOW 13470 PARA 1, FACTS HERE ARE THAT PLAN, BASED  
ON EARLIER EMBASSY REQUESTS AND HAMILTON'S AGREEMENT BEFORE  
LEAVING, IS HAMILTON VICE KURSCH, WOLFE VICE HAMILTON IN

SUMMER 78. IT WAS ON THIS BASIS WE SENT WOLFE TO COLUMBIA FOR SOVIET ECONOMICS TRAINING. WE WOULD HAVE REAL TROUBLE CHANGING THAT PLAN, WITH PER AND WE OURSELVES THINK IT NOT A GOOD USE OF ADVANCED TRAINING, NOR GOOD FOR CADRE BUILDING, IF WE SHIFT TRAINEES OUT OF ASSIGNMENTS WE TRAIN THEM FOR. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WE ARE ALSO RELUCTANT TO SEE A TREND FOR OFFICERS AT POST TO BREAK THEIR COMMITMENTS ON ANY BUT MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS. WE CANNOT CARRY OUT THE CORPS IMPROVEMENT EFFORT WE ARE MAKING, AND BUILD AN OVERCOMPLEMENT RESERVES, UNLESS WE STICK TO PLAN AS CLOSE AS FORTUNE ALLOWS. OUR PREFERENCE IS TO TELL HAMILTON TO CARRY OUT HIS COMMITMENT, AND NOT TO BREAK OURS WITH WOLFE, PER AND THE TRAINING PEOPLE.

5. IF IT IS NOT INCONVENIENT IN VIEW OF THE SHAMBLES, BILL LUERS AND GARY MATTHEWS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MOSCOW OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 1 ON THEIR WAY BACK FROM THE JAPANESE-US/SOVIET EXPERTS' MEETING IN TOKYO. BILL'S VISIT WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF HIS ABORTED AUGUST TRIP. HE WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND IF YOU AND THE AMBASSADOR THINK IT BEST TO PLAN TO VISIT LATER. GARY LIKEWISE WILL UNDERSTAND AND WILL LOOK FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

6. B AND F OFFICER LOOMER HAS LEARNED OF A MEDICAL PROBLEM FOR WHICH HE HAS TO UNDERGO MEDICAL TESTS AND POSSIBLY MINOR SURGERY ON SEPTEMBER 20. THEREFORE HIS AR-  
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RIVAL WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 30. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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